

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance has been received in the above-identified application, but the Issue Fee has not, as yet, been paid.

Upon consideration of the application upon receipt of the Notice of Allowance, Applicants noticed that the Examiner had not acknowledged consideration of the references cited on International Search Report. Attached herewith is Form PTO/SB/08 listing the references cited in the International Search Report. Receipt of the International Search Report and cited references was acknowledged in the Notice of Acceptance of Application mailed July 15, 2002.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08, and then return a copy of the dated and initialed Form PTO/SB/08 to Applicants, preferably by fax to 212-808-0844.

Since acknowledgement of any of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 would constitute a change to the present record, this submission is believed to constitute an "amendment." See MPEP § 714.16 ("The amendment of an application broadly encompasses any change in the file record of the application. Accordingly, the following are examples of "amendments" . . . the submission of prior art.")

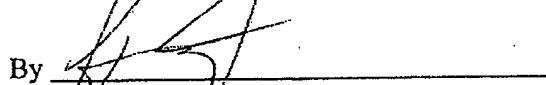
No fee is believed to be due for consideration of this amendment. However, should the Commissioner determine that a fee is, in fact, due, he is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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